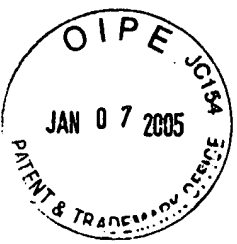


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicants : Mark C. Schmidt et al.
Application Serial No.: 10/613,527
Filing Date: : July 3, 2003
Title: AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE
2-D BAR CODE SYMBOL READING SYSTEM EMPLOYING
A LINEAR LASER SCANNING PATTERN GENERATOR, AN
AUTOMATIC BAR CODE SYMBOL DATA DETECTOR,
AUDIBLE DATA CAPTURE FEEDBACK GENERATOR,
AND A MANUALLY-ACTIVATED DATA TRANSMISSION
ACTIVATION SWITCH
Examiner : April Taylor
Group Art Unit : 2876
Attorney Docket No. : 108-194USANE0

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendments in response thereto:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 93-96 as follows:

Claims 1-92 (canceled)

Claim 93 (currently amended): An automatically-activated laser scanning 2D bar code symbol reading system for use in a work environment, said system comprising:

(A) a hand-supportable 2D bar code symbol reader in two-way communication with a base station operably connected to a host system, and having a bar code reading mode of operation and a data transmission mode of operation, said hand-supportable 2D bar code symbol reader including

- (1) a hand-supportable housing;